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1. (Confidential - JGO) After conferring again with [redacted] EO/DDO, and [redacted] DC/NE Division, I called Dorothy Fosdick, Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee staff, and told her that we know [redacted] that we have dealt with him in the past, but that we recommend that the Senator's office send him to the Department of State as the prime point of contact for his proposals. Fosdick indicated that the Senator is not at all enamored with the actions of the Department in this particular crisis and she did not believe he would want to send [redacted] to see Rodger Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, or any of the people under him. In keeping with her strong protest I told her that I would relay the question and see if we couldn't have one of our people meet with him in response to the Senator's specific request. I told her we would be back in touch as soon as possible later in the day. STATOTHR

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2. (Confidential - JGO) [redacted] IC, and I met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and reviewed with him the horse blanket prepared in response to his request. He told us that this detailing of the location of the various funds by appropriation item was the request of the Chairman and asked that we provide a copy for the Chairman to give each of the members of the Special Group. I told Preston that the disposition of Air America is now under very serious review and that one point is apparent that any final dissolution will be stretched out over some period of time. It does not appear that there will be a sale in time for application to the 1974 budget. Preston appeared to take this in stride and had no questions.

3. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Charles Andrews, of Columbia Reporting Service, and made the necessary arrangements for security control of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the House Armed Services Committee for Tuesday, 23 October.

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25X1 4. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and made an appointment for Mr. Houston, OGC, and myself to meet with him on Wednesday, 24 October, to discuss various legislative proposals relating to the Agency's statutory authority. Slatinshek asked that I confirm the 10:30 meeting time that morning since the Committee schedule has been rather fluid during the last few days. I told him also that it would be appreciated if Mr. Colby's presentation on Tuesday could summarize the information provided in last week's briefing on the Middle East and then detail the changes that have occurred since that time. Mr. Colby will be the lead witness on Tuesday and will be followed by William P. Clements, Deputy Secretary of Defense, or whoever makes the main presentation for DOD. The Committee's real need at this time is to determine the extent to which the United States is being involved in the Middle East crisis. [REDACTED] OCI, has been advised.

25X1 5. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Franzetta DeGooyer, Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, who told me that the [REDACTED] bills have been introduced by the Chairman
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6. (Unclassified - PLC) Called Bill Shattuck, Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, and expressed our strong interest in H.R. 7135, which amends the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees Claims Act of 1964, raising the ceiling on claims for military and civilian agencies for personal property damages to \$12,000. Shattuck stated that there has been a holdup in OMB due to State's position. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

7. (Unclassified - LLM) Advised Ben Tryck, OMB, that the Agency had no substantive comments to offer on H.R. 9985 (extending protective services to UN buildings in New York City), as the subject was not within our purview and I agreed that we would send him a letter for his file.

8. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Jim Woolsey, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to remind him that the prohibitory language in new section (g) under Stennis' bill (S. 2597) was lifted from the Proxmire bill. Woolsey thanked us for the reminder and said he would make sure that Stennis properly acknowledges Proxmire's contribution.

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